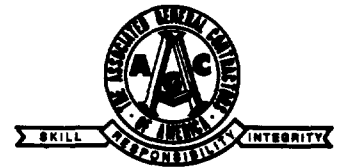


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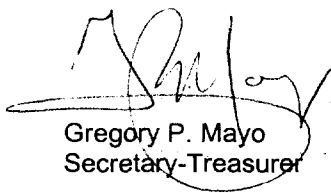
To the NHTSA Docket:

Mayo Construction is in the road construction business, and operates horizontal discharge trailers to deliver hot asphalt to the construction pavers used in highway construction. We have learned that your agency is proposing to exempt these trailers from the regulation requiring rear underride guards on trailers. Mayo Construction supports this proposal

If a horizontal discharge trailer was required to have an underride guard, it could not fit into the asphalt pavers, and could not do its job. Mayo Construction would then be required to rely solely on end dump trucks to deliver asphalt. While end dump trucks are effective for this job, they have some disadvantages, especially when we have to work around power lines or on uneven ground. Horizontal discharge trailers give us the flexibility to work safely in more environments. Please act to keep these vehicles in the market.

Sincerely,

Mayo Construction Co., Inc.

  
Gregory P. Mayo  
Secretary-Treasurer